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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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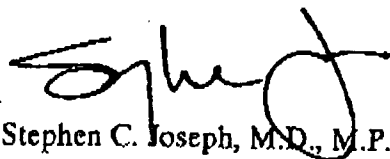SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Centralized Credentials and Quality Assurance System (CCQAS) Development:
Present and Future

Deployment and training for CCQAS version 1.0, encompassing readiness and credentials, was completed by the end of July 1996. All of the Services will have started implementing use of the software by this time as well. Timeline objectives for loading readiness and credentials information into CCQAS are 31 Dec 96 for all active duty and civilian providers, and 31 Dec 97 for all Reserve and Guard providers.

Development of requirements for CCQAS version 2.0, addressing malpractice and adverse privileging actions, started in early June 1996. PRC, the contractor for the second phase of CCQAS, will be producing the software with CIM compliant, client server architecture, and a central database in mind. The need for a central database and structure of the data flow has come under much discussion by the CCQAS Configuration Control Board. The attachments show the two models currently under consideration. Please provide an opinion as to which of the models would be preferred.

Then next logical step in the evolution of CCQAS would be the incorporation of provider privileges into a 3.0 version. The TRICARE Quality Council recently decided to pursue the development of a Tri-Service Privilege List, which could be used for the CCQAS 3.0 privileging component. Privileging information would significantly enhance the medical readiness purpose of the program. Please provide your views and comments on the usefulness of establishing a Tri-Service Privilege List and its inclusion in CCQAS.

Please provide your comments on the above two issues as requested by September 15, 1996. LtCol Williamson is our point of contact; he may be reached at (703) 695-6800/DSN 225-6800.

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Attachments:
As stated

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